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COVID Made Them Do It

City officials say the pandemic accounts for the recent increase in shootings and other crimes. Now, Hartford citizens respond

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Main Street... Pliny Street... York Street... Woodland Street... Niles Street... Clark Street... Alden Street... Henry Street... Earle Street... Putnam Street... Zion Street.

In just a little over three weeks, the Hartford Police Department's ShotSpotter system has alerted and dispatched officers to the sites of gunplay across the city, where shell casings are retrieved and counted, ambulances carry the victims to Hartford or St. Francis hospitals, and the yellow crime scene tape proliferates as streets are blocked off to aid in the search for perpetrators. Summer—the time when such crimes normally spike—is over, but so far there is no indication of a ceasefire on the immediate horizon. The current spate of shootings dates back to mid-September, but Mayor

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Election Law Changes for November

BY DONNA SWARR

On Friday, Oct 2nd, the CT House Bill 7005 Emergency Certification Act passed. It is the change in procedures which will allow the pre-counting of absentee ballots that affects Hartford. The first part of the bill requires the Secretary of State to hire election monitors in any city with a population of at least 140,000, which means that this only applies to Bridgeport. Why Bridgeport? In September of 2019 there were extensive issues in the mayoral primary, including absentee ballot votes.

Changes to the Pre-Counting Procedures in the Town Clerk's Office:

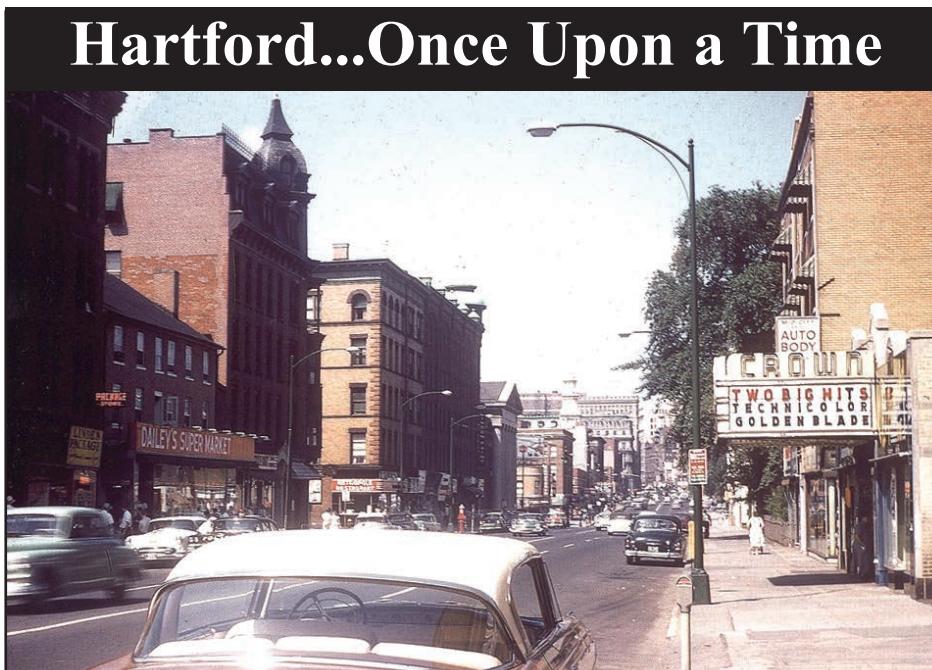
The second part of the bill will allow Hartford and all Connecticut municipalities to perform some of the absentee ballot pre-counting procedures 14 days before election day, on Tuesday, Oct 20th. In order to do these preliminary steps they must notify

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Making the Leap from Venezuela

Connecticut Ballet's newest dancer, Carla Hernandez of Venezuela, performs the solo from "La Bayadere," an 1877 ballet by French choreographer Marius Petipa with music by Ludwig Minkus. Hernandez's performance was part of "A Delicate Balance," a show performed on Friday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, at Burr Mall (located between the Wadsworth Atheneum and Hartford City Hall). The show, which was a collaboration between CT Ballet, Hartford Symphony Orchestra, HartBeat Ensemble and Hartford Stage, was sponsored by Michael Wilder, City of Hartford Office of Development Services, City Council member John Gale, and Hartford Steam Boiler. (Hart photo)



This photo from 1953 shows Main Street in Downtown Hartford, looking north from Charter Oak Avenue. We know the exact year because the Crown Theater at right is showing "Golden Blade," a 1953 adventure film starring Rock Hudson. The theater and the other buildings at right have been replaced by an office/apartment building. The large tree at right marks the Butler McCook House, which is still standing. (Photo courtesy of the James West Collection)

NEWS BRIEFS

Community Food Distribution October 15, 22, 28 and 29

Hartford Is United will distribute boxes of food to Hartford families who are in need four times this month: today, October 22, from 10am-2pm at Howard K. Hill Funeral Home, 319 Barbour Street, Hartford; Thursday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 28, from 10am-2pm at Dillon Stadium, 250 Huyshope Avenue; and Thursday, October 29, from 10am-2pm at Phillips Metropolitan Church, 2500 Main Street. Limit one box per family; face masks are required. This food distribution is sponsored by The Prosperity Foundation, KIEDC, Hartford Renaissance District and many other community organizations.

Armenian Food Fest this Weekend

Saint George Armenian Church of Hartford, 22 White Street (corner of Broad Street), will hold its annual Armenian Food Fest on Friday, October 16, from 3 - 7 pm and on Saturday, October 17, from 11 am - 6 pm. Due to the pandemic, all food must be ordered in advance and picked up at curbside. Order online at: sgarmenianchurch.org/foodfest/. You may also mail in your order with a check to 22 White St., Hartford, CT 06114. Dinners include Shish Kebab, Chicken Kebab, Luleh Kebab, Combo Dinners, Vegetarian Platter; bakery items include Paklava, Choreg, Simit, Khurabia and other pastries. You can also purchase String Cheese, Tourshi, Yalanchee, Boreg and more. For more information, please call Cynthia Messikian at: (860) 568-5792.

Congressional Candidate Debate October 19

A virtual Candidate Debate for the 1st Congressional District of Connecticut organized by the League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford will be held this Monday, October 19 at 5:00 pm. The candidates are Mary Fay (R),

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Happy 100th Birthday, Bessie!

On Saturday, October 10, Bessie V. Williams turned 100. To celebrate this milestone, Bessie's family and friends organized a parade of cars past her home on Canterbury Street in Hartford's Blue Hills neighborhood. The parade was led by the CT State Police and the Hartford Police. Born in Savannah, Georgia on October 10, 1920, Bessie lived for many years in the Springfield area before moving to Hartford. She worked for the CT Department of Motor Vehicles for over 30 years and is a trustee of Union Church of Ludlow. She was active in the Elks Club for decades, being a charter member of the Anna Wamsley Temple #1073. In 1978 she was presented with the Elks' highest honor, Grand Daughter Ruler. (Hart photo)

Bye-Bye Birdie... Parting is such sweet sorrow

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIKIAN

Those of you in Hartford who always knew it was me when the 1995 green Thunderbird came into view will miss the thrill of saying "I can't believe she's still driving that shitbox." Big Green gave up the ghost a few weeks ago after being my ride for 5+ years. She was a good old wagon, Daddy but she done broke down, and has been replaced by the first car I've ever owned that was built in the 21st century—a sedate and generic-looking 2010 Hyundai Elantra; a grandmother car. I figure that 25-year-old car was about 100 years old in people years, so it was time.

Now I've lost count of how many cars I've owned in the past 45 years—all of them used except the 1985 Ford Escort; remember those? I was three payments away from full ownership when it was totaled in a spinout on an ice-slicked I-84, and I vowed to never again take on that financial burden. I like owning my vehicles outright. Volkswagens? I've had a few—three Beetles and an ill-considered purchase from someone's backyard of a diesel VW wagon. I had to plug in the engine block warmer every night that winter by running the cord from my parking

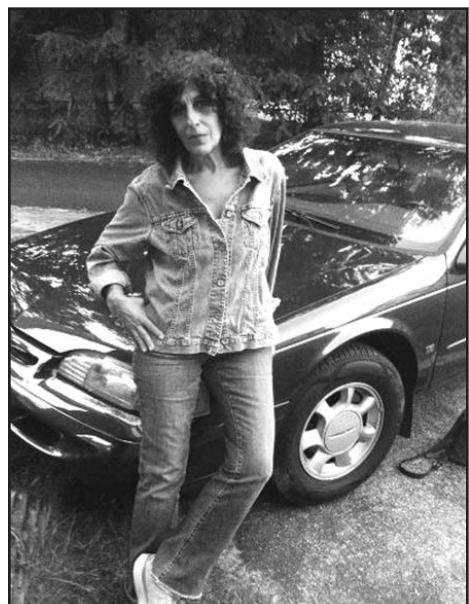
space through the apartment's kitchen window. Mazda, Chevy, Datsun, Buick, Chrysler, Dodge and Toyota have all made their way to me. A few were kind of long-term (more than 3 years)

with a V-8 Mustang engine that led admiring gearheads to approach me in parking lots and offer to buy Birdie off of me right then and there. I felt cool in that car. I even looked younger in the T-Bird. I was channeling "Thelma and Louise". Big plus: I never had a problem finding my car in huge parking lots; she stood out. And I was getting 11 miles to the gallon—who cares?!

On Monday I watched as poor old Birdie, now on life-support, was loaded onto a flatbed and headed for a salvage place where they'd part her out. I felt a little comfort knowing that pieces of her would live on in spite of her body becoming a hunk of crushed metal. There was also a check for me, which was another comfort. Now all I need to do is figure out how to make the Elantra sexier.

relationships, the others just-one-of-those-things flings. Little cars, mid-size cars, and big boats, like the Lincoln Town Car that had once been a limousine, and was my smoothest ride ever.

But I'm still in a period of mourning for what was—when I bought it in 2015—the "sexiest" of all my automobiles. Shiny, sleek, unmarred and unscarred,



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Politically Speaking

*A Fresh Look at Issues
Facing our Region & State*

BY MIKE McGARRY

All Over But The Shouting

Hartford Primary Vote: Biden, 8,000; Trump, 120. Election Day estimate: Biden, 33,000; Trump, 896. Florida (a must-win for Trump) is leaning toward Biden. In the midwest states (another must-win for Trump), Biden leads. Tight races in North Carolina and Georgia (two more must-wins for Trump). The signs are pointing toward the worst G.O.P. defeat since 1964.

We (as conservative Republicans) got three begs for cash from various Trump committees. They should have saved the postage, handling and printing costs. This correspondent and his spouse already voted! Low on cash, crazy followers sending mad social media posts, wild changes from the top...seems like the "Grand Old Party" aint so grand theses days.

Chris Powell of the Journal-Inquirer (certainly no left-winger) let the WTIC morning host (a rabid Trumpster) know that he, as an

American citizen and voter, has never been so embarrassed by a president (quite a statement given the antics of Clinton, Nixon, LBJ, etc) as he was watching Trump during the recent debate. No wonder most of the president's ex-employees declare him unfit.

So, we'll see a few screw-ups in voting – as we do every year – and loud cries by a core group, until Florida comes in. If the polls are right, that's the ballgame by 10 pm on Election Night, November 3. The other right-wing WTIC AM host follows the trends and it is almost comical to listen to the Kool-Aid callers bust chops when he takes the data (a *Wall Street Journal* poll, for example) and trends and comes to the same conclusion as your correspondent.

We don't glory in the idea of a massive G.O.P. defeat, because it

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Election Law Changes

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the Secretary of State in advance and obtain her approval. This will allow them to open the ballot's outer envelope and verify that the elector signed the inner envelope, which contains the marked ballot. They may not open the inner envelope or count the ballot until election day. All absentee ballots are stored in a vault in the Town Clerk's office until they are delivered to the Registrar of Voters. The Town Clerk's office must sort any absentee ballots received by the day before the election into voting districts. I asked Eric Lusa, Assistant Town Clerk, and he told me that the inner envelope has a barcode which tells them the street, street number, and district so that it is just like the polling "books".

Delivery of the Ballots to the Registrar of Voters:

The Town Clerk will now be allowed to deliver sorted and checked ballots to the registrars at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30. It also allows ballots received, sorted, and checked by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, to be delivered to the registrars. The bill allows the clerk to deliver the ballots at a mutually agreed date and time with the registrar. The bill also requires the Town Clerk to include an up-to-date copy of the duplicate checklist with the ballots. The Town Clerk and registrars are required to execute an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots delivered. For ballots received by 11:00 a.m. on the day before the election, the registrars of voters must check the names of applicants returning ballots on the official registry list with "A" or "Absentee."

Location where the absentee ballots will be pre-counted:

Another change allows them to choose a central location to conduct these new pre-counting procedures. In the past, this was done at City Hall on Election Day in the Function Room. They will be doing all of the ballot pre-count work in the Function Room.

This location must be published as an election warning in a newspaper between Tuesday, October 27 and Friday, October 30, so if there is a change, you will see a notification in the Hartford News. The location certification sent to the Secretary of State must include the name, street address, and relevant contact information for the designated central location and name and address of each absentee ballot counter. The SoS will approve or disapprove the certification within two days after receiving it. The bill also allows her to require the municipality to appoint one or more additional absentee ballot counters.

How and When can you withdraw your absentee ballot?

Existing law requires electors who submit an absentee ballot, but later find they are able to vote in person, to go to the Town Clerk's office and request to withdraw the absentee ballot. For the 2020 state election, this deadline is 5:00 p.m. on the fourth day before the election, Friday, October 30th.

Maybe this is more than you wanted to know, but it is your vote that's being counted, and you deserve to know how that will happen. Eric Lusa said that "Having an absentee ballot is like having insurance". I plan to send my ballot in right away just in case there is a serious uptick in coronavirus close to November 3rd.

Letters to the Editor

Safe Youth Recreation Must Be a Top Priority

The conflicting announcements about the closure of our city's athletic fields has really confused everyone including the Superintendent of Schools. There have been reports of some serious problems with adult leagues not following the Covid guidelines. And it seems that DPW's lack of resources have led the City to make a rash decision.

I will speak from the Colt Park perspective, which is not unique to other locations in Hartford. Kinsella, SMSA and BHS use the fields daily. BHS students are currently housed over at HPHS, but their teams drill at Colt. Kinsella and SMSA use the fields daily for their PE classes. Specifically, the youth soccer field, the "middle" soccer field and vintage base ball field. The City should not deprive our youth use of park athletic fields. The City has neglected our youth during the Covid Pandemic. They need exercise and recreation to grow healthier bodies and minds. All but one recreation center is closed. The Mayor and Police Chief have cited the uptick in shootings and criminal activity as a result of the Covid pandemic. Our youth need safe recreation.

As a former teacher, there is nothing more maddening than witnessing a global punishment for a community rather than dealing with the problem. You have been told of the several locations where this has been occurring, deal with that. Ask the police to monitor the situation. OR ask the Fire Cadets to go over. They have superior skills of managing people. The other option is to provide an overtime position similar to this summer for someone in DPW.

Donna Swarr
Park and Recreation Advisory Commissioner
Friends of Colt Park, President

Rally At City Hall Monday

On Monday, October 19 at 4 p.m., Citizens Opposed to Police States (C.O.P.S.) will be holding a rally at City Hall in Hartford.

Community activists have been working diligently to push for changes in the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). Many have submitted testimony to City Council members, and to the mayor. Residents called in to Council meetings and public hearings. The mayor proposed his revisions, the Working Families Party proposed theirs. Unfortunately, the Council Democrats decided to pretty much ignore all of the input received, and not only removed provisions to strengthen the CPRB, but rewrote the ordinance so much that it actually weakens the CPRB.

On Monday, City Council is having a public hearing regarding the proposed changes to the CPRB. Members of C.O.P.S., along with other community partners will not only be testifying, but holding a rally prior to the hearing to make our demands known. We also will be giving community members the opportunity to express their views of the ordinance, and to learn more about the CPRB.

C.O.P.S. and collaborating organizations will be in front of City Hall at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 19. We encourage all to come out to speak and to learn.

C.O.P.S. further encourages all Hartford residents to sign up to testify on Monday October 19 at 7 p.m. by emailing david.grant@hartford.gov.

Joanna Iovino
Hartford

Library and United Way Partner for Read for the Record Day, October 29

Hartford Public Library (HPL) and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut are teaming up to send volunteers virtually into Hartford Public Schools first grade classrooms to read to students.

Jumpstart's "Read for the Record," taking place October 29, is a global campaign which generates public support for high-quality early learning by mobilizing millions of children and adults to take part in the world's largest shared reading experience. Jumpstart is a national early education organization that works toward the day every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.

HPL will give a copy of the book to each first grade classroom in Hartford participating in the program. Copies will be made avail-

able in English and Spanish. In addition, HPL staff members will participate in virtual readings of Medina's book.

"This opportunity for the community to read to the children of Hartford not only provides an enriching literacy experience for students, it demonstrates the importance and enjoyment of reading across all ages. Instead of telling children about the importance and joy of reading the community is showing them. This is the most powerful lesson," said Denise Martens, HPL's youth and family services manager.

For more information about Jumpstart, visit jstart.org. For more information about Hartford Public Library, visit hplct.org. For more information about United Way of Central and Northeastern CT, visit unitedwayinc.org.



Holy Trinity Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 3, Holy Trinity Church in Hartford held its annual blessing of the animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Fr. Charles Jacobs, Pastor of Holy Trinity officiated at the ceremony, which was held on the grounds of D'Esopo Funeral Home in Wethersfield, instead of the church, to allow easier social distancing. Shown above is Miranda Matos receiving a blessing for her dog, Melody. (Hart photo)

COVID Made Them Do It

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Bronin and HPD Chief Thody did not comment publicly on the alarming rash of shootings until about a week ago. When they did, both attributed it to an effect caused by the stress-inducing Coronavirus as the pandemic enters its eighth month. Many city residents have expressed skepticism and dismissed that explanation. The Hartford News asked them to weigh in on what they feel has caused the increase and what—if anything—can be done to curb it.

The "Whys":

"Most of the shootings are targeted meaning that they know who they want. And most are more than likely over drugs and turf."

"I think the main problem is drugs, both drug addicts and drug sales problems. As soon as people start selling drugs, they get rental cars or borrow addict's cars and go joyriding and starting shit and shooting and fighting to make themselves look big and bad."

"For decades Hartford, including civic organizations, has addressed the symptoms of poverty and not poverty itself. Nearly 50 % of our residents live below or near poverty level. It's a complex issue and we need a multifaceted approach to focus on reducing it"

"Poverty. People with money don't have the issues broke people argue about."

"The culture in Hartford allows crime to be accepted as the norm. You have scores of people who just accept the shooting, speeding, and 3 a.m. incessant fireworks as "the norm" that the rest of us just need to accept as life in Hartford. HPD and the mayor, by way of doing nothing proactive, have also accepted this as Hartford's fate. It is sad and this city will never be able to pull itself back up until it gets real leadership and broader community buy-in so that we don't have to accept the fact that we live in what at times seems like a lawless hellhole."

"The mayor and police chief are truly out of touch. That's for sure or they wouldn't be talking that the pandemic is the reason if one of their family members or a police officer was shot by one of these evil people. Hell no, they would not, so they need

to stop blaming these senseless shootings and murders of Hartford residents on the pandemic"

"The city tends to be reactive not proactive. Nothing to do with this pandemic. The mayor needs to stop placing blame there."

"I think the pandemic has put additional economic and emotional strain on many leading to some of the increased violence. Everything changed in March and we don't have all the usual outlets available and supports needed."

"Boredom and stress. . There is nothing for anyone to do but get in trouble. Just my opinion, how I see it. It's not the only reason but it definitely doesn't help."

"As long as people have free will they will do as they please. I don't think it's the pandemic. I think people have personal issues with others and instead of handling things by not being around them or by fighting with fists some choose guns or knives. Others may be random altercations at or after events or just a random encounter during the day that leads to unfortunate actions. Hartford is the place many children are raised by the streets or anyone but their parents."

The "Hows":

"There is no one solution because the issues in Hartford are extensive. My opinion is Hartford won't change unless the demographic changes which is why the changes being made to Hartford do not cater to the people in Hartford. Change

has to come from the people to want to change. Just my honest opinion after being born and raised here. There are many good people who live here but there are also many, I won't say bad, but lost people."

"Different reasons and answers for different shooters. For one, we need other options for people to get money to live. We need more accessible mental health services and other services related to basic survival. And remember, lawlessness that starts at the top could invoke a, 'WTF I may as well be lawless too', attitude."

"Where are the local leaders, are they working on a plan to make changes? Where are the parents, are they blind to the illegal activities? Why aren't more of the local politicians & community leaders working together to help the community?

Instead they fight each other. All these protests this year against the police, why not find ways to actually work with them?"

"Comments from the Mayor, Police Chief and HPD Union President made my blood boil."

"I think we have to do more prevention work, especially with young males. I think incorporating life skills programming in the Hartford school system curriculum may help. A big part of the shooting incidents involves young males ages of 16-25-- That's the target population. They get lost to the streets, gangs/crime. Hartford's school-aged children face social/environmental dysfunction that affects their family and school lives. It's inevitable that they will turn to the streets where they get their direction and validation. They learn to pick up guns, steal cars, and street justice more than anything else. What they learn in school, along with other protective factors, may help steer them in a better direction. With COVID and distance learning, school-aged children, living in high crime areas are more isolated than ever."

"We need a Police Chief with vision who knows how to manage the resources available to him. Too much vindictiveness and personality conflicts at HPD internally. It is time for Bronin to admit his mistake and find a Chief who has some leadership skills."

"People are being raised with no respect for human life and think they're tough having guns. Maybe raise your children and teach them that mutual respect is important instead of a 'f**k the police' attitude. I don't blame the police; I blame the city officials."

"Nothing will stop it. Hartford is a small city saturated with guns, drugs, and violence. It's just the way of life in Hartford— always has been and always will be."

"It all starts with having respect for each other. You can have all the services in the world, but raise kids to be respectful and it's amazing what happens."

"People need to refocus on family and education. I see many people come out of Hartford public schools and go to college setting themselves up well for a nice life. But we need lots more dual parent families and better future planning to change things."

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streets for speed bump installation. If you know of a street where speeding is an ongoing problem, please pass your suggestion onto your local NRZ chair (see list below). For more information, go to www.hartford.gov/speedhumprequest or call Hartford 311 at 860-757-9311.

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Wheeler Wins “Top Workplace” Honors For 7th Year

Wheeler, a community health center and statewide leader in integrated primary and behavioral health care, is a 2020 Top Workplaces award winner from The Hartford Courant. It is the seventh year that Wheeler has received the award.

In addition, Wheeler President and CEO Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, received “Top Leader” in the Large Employer category of the same survey. She was named president and CEO of Wheeler in November 2019, after serving five years in other leadership positions.

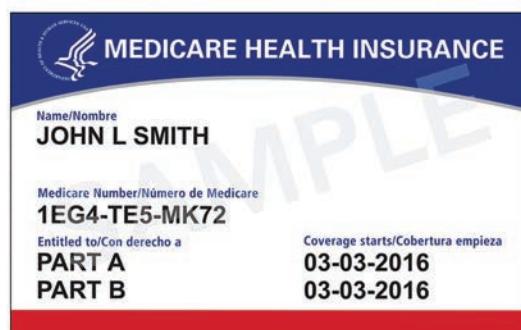
Wheeler has won Top Workplace recognition seven times since 2013, and has been recognized in the past for its training opportunities for staff, as well as for its mid-level managers.

The winners are based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage, LLC. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 drivers of engaged cultures that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution, and connec-

tion, to name a few.

In addition to rapidly changing to telehealth services in March, creating new community health centers in Waterbury and Plainville, serving on the front lines for COVID testing, and taking a statewide lead in remote learning for special education schools, Wheeler often moved in directions not forecast at the start of the pandemic. While new services were launched, the organization maintained all of its existing programs, more than 100 in all, run by nearly 1,000 staff in three-dozen locations across the state.

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COMMENTARY BY BILL KATZ

Leadership in the US often refers condescendingly to places like China, Russia and Iran as undemocratic examples of government, yet our current administration strives to turn this country into a very undemocratic mold. Americans are brainwashed to believe that we are the most freedom-loving people that can readily choose our destiny through the ballot box. This reality today is a grave falsehood. We are not free. We don't elect our president. Unseen forces keep us divided enough for those who manipulate to steal elections and create additional wealth through legislation, which is the motivation of those who seek power. But at least the Democratic party side spreads the wealth out to the broadest population while Republicans assuredly place wealth into the fewest hands.

W. Bush was the worst president or at least, now tied for last place alongside Trump. Bush opened the gates of hell in the Middle East. The world will never be the same. Europe is now readjusting to the massive migratory trends of mostly Middle Easterners and this is causing tremors and break-ups the end of which we can't predict. However, massive land wars are the natural outcome of division

and Europe is becoming more divided.

Enter Trump, a man who is so debased, ignorant of anything geopolitical and whose only motivation is power and accumulation of wealth for his brand; he is willing to befriend our enemies (Putin) and castigate our friends all for the pursuit of wealth. Perhaps then, Trump is even more destructive than W. Bush. The end result will be the very destruction of our way of government.

Ancient Rome fell not because of one cataclysmic event but sustained events that weakened and eventually destroyed the Republic. The US is on a similar trajectory. Plato predicted that Tyranny follows Democracy. We are experiencing Tyranny today when a Supreme Court intervenes to stop a ballot count in Florida in order to install their preferred leader. Except this time, the rule of a second Trump term will end what little remains of our participation in representative democracy.



Double-Dutch Classes Taught by Champions

The Juvenile & Adult Diabetes Awareness Association (JADHAA) has been hosting double dutch classes three nights a week this summer at Riverfront Plaza but has now moved things back inside to Greater Joy Missionary Church, 49 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford. Classes are from 5:30-7:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays and are directed by Lady Carrie Trimmier-McCrory and Coach Hogan, both of whom were part of Hartford world-champion double-dutch dynasty in the late 1970s and early 1980s. You can find JADHAA on Facebook: JADHAA-Foundation-Family-Ministries-419619891391394/. Among those participating in the classes this summer were Kadian McGhee(jumping) Iquan Chin and Shamari Williams. (Hart photo)



John's leading the fight to protect and enhance Social Security in Congress

Vote for John on November 3rd!
Register to vote at myvote.ct.gov

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Mike McGarry

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will give a mandate for policies that will probably backfire on us all. Maybe, after all, the country will calm down with "Sleepy Joe" rather than a 6 am tweeter.

The one guy who must have the toughest job in the campaign is Vice President Pence. Imagine the spot he is in: defending his boss against all reason. At least he will go down with a bit of grace.

Communications and Marketing Manager

The Capitol Region Council of Governments seeks applicants for the position of Communications and Marketing Manager. Please go to <http://www.crcog.org/jobs/> for job descriptions and application instructions. EOE/M/H/F

Gerente de Comunicaciones y Marketing

El Consejo de Gobiernos de la Región del Capitolio busca candidatos para el puesto de Gerente de Comunicaciones y Marketing. Vaya a <http://www.crcog.org/jobs/> para obtener descripciones de puestos e instrucciones de solicitud. EOE / M / H / F

Legal Notice
RFP FOR METROHARTFORD BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND**LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (LEP) SERVICES**

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide environmental assessment consulting services for the MetroHartford Brownfields Program funded by the US EPA. Request for Proposals (RFP) details will be available on October 15, 2020 at <http://crcog.org/rfpfq/>. Questions should be directed in writing to the appropriate CRCOG staff as indicated in the RFP. Proposals must be received by CRCOG no later than 2:00 p.m. on November 18, 2020. Responses received after this date and time will not be considered. CRCOG is an affirmative action-equal opportunity employer. MBE/WBE/DBE are encouraged to apply.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Albert O Pfeiffer
(20-00902)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated October 2, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Monika A Pfeiffer
171 Rainbow Road
Windsor, CT 06095

Harold R Pfeiffer
180 Cedar Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Sheila Barry
(20-00940)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated September 21, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Tracey Sheedy
307 White Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Thomas W Donohue
245 Prospect Hill Road
Windsor, CT 06095

CRCOG Bid Notices

All bid notices for the Capitol Region Purchasing Council are available at <https://crcog.bonfire-hub.com/>. CRCOG is also requesting proposals for services for Crumbling Foundations. If you have any questions, please contact the office of the CRPC 860-724-4292, or e-mail crpcstaff@crcog.org. The towns reserve the right to reject any or all bids, or any part of any or all bids, if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the towns.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Roxann Piranian,
Kingsbridge House
(20-00701)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated October 5, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Judith Piranian,
559 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Alecia Leslie Kolessar
(20-00888)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated September 15, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Judith A. Miller, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Andrew Kolessar
c/o Sandra L Kelsey
Kelsey Law, LLC, 2275 Silas
Deane Highway
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Mildred Padin
AKA Mildred Marquez
(20-00828)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated October 5, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Jesus Padin
197 Preston Street
Hartford, CT 06114

Anthony Cancel
676 Broadview Terrace
Hartford, CT 06106

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPALITY**

To the City and Town Clerk of Municipality of City of Hartford Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of the members of the Federal, State and Municipality city wide.

Notice is also hereby given that the following have filed petitions in conformity with §9-406 of the General Statutes as candidates for the election of November 3, 2020, and that their names will appear on the ballot label as follows:

NAME **ADDRESS** **TERM**

OFFICE**Presidential Electors for President & Vice President:**

Democratic Party:
Biden and Harris P.O. Box 58178, Philadelphia, PA 01/20/2021-01/20/2025
Republican Party:
Trump and Pence 721 Fifth Avenue PH, New York, NY 01/20/2021-01/20/2025
Libertarian Party:
Jorgensen and Cohen 3620 Pelham Rd. Greenville, SC 01/20/2021-01/20/2025
Green Party:
Hawkins and Walker 410W. Beard Ave., Syracuse, NY 01/20/2021-01/20/2025

Representative in Congress 01:

Democratic Party:
John B. Larson 1887 Main Street, E. Htfd., CT 01/03/2021-01/03/2023
Republican Party:
Mary Fay 83 Craigmoor Rd., W. Htfd., CT 01/03/2021-01/03/2023
Working Families Party:
John B. Larson 1887 Main Street, E. Htfd., CT 01/03/2021-01/03/2023
Green Party:
Thomas E. McCormick 40 Avondale Rd. W. Htfd., CT 01/03/2021-01/03/2003

State Senator 01:

Democratic Party:
John w. Fonfara 99 Montowese St. Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Republican Party:
Barbara Ruhe 79 Main St. Wethersfield, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Green Party:
Mary L. Sanders 184 Preston St. Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Senator 02:

Democratic Party:
Douglas McCrory 235 Blue Hills Ave. Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Representative 01:

Democratic Party:
Matthew Ritter 169 North Beacon St. Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Epic Party:
Mark Stewart Greenstein 381 S. Main St., W. Htfd., CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Socialist Resurgence Party:
Daniel Adam Piper 25 Frederick St. #303, Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Representative 03:

Democratic Party:
Minnie Gonzalez 97 Amity St. Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Representative 04:

Democratic Party:
Julio A. Concepcion 3 Linden Place Unit 3A 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Republican Party:
Barry J. D'Andrea 80 Morris St. Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Representative 05:

Democratic Party:
Brandon L. McGee 43 Warren St., Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Republican Party:
Charles Jackson 26 Wilson Ave., Windsor, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Independent Party:
Charles Jackson 26 Wilson Ave., Windsor, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Representative 06:

Democratic Party:
Edwin Vargas, Jr 141 Douglas St., Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023
Working Families Party:
Edwin Vargas, Jr 141 Douglas St., Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

State Representative 07:

Democratic Party:
Joshua M. Hall 28 Canterbury St., Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/04/2023

Registrar of Voters:

Democratic Party:
Giselle "Gigi" Feliciano 25-2 Natick St., Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/08/2025
Republican Party:
Vanessa Garay-Jackson 157 Seymour St. 2FL, Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/08/2025

Petitioning Candidate:
Sheila N. Hall 63 Huntington St. #1D, Hartford, CT 01/06/2021-01/08/2025

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 12th day of October, 2020."

Giselle "Gigi" Feliciano, Democratic Election Administrator /ROV
Sheila N. Hall, Republican Election Administrator/ROV

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I received from Giselle "Gigi" Feliciano, Registrar of Voters of the Democratic Party, and Sheila N. Hall, Registrar of Voters of the Republican Party in accordance with § 9 – 435 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a General Election of members of the Federal, State and Municipality will be held on November 3, 2020; the hours of voting at said General Election will be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the location of the polls will be as follows: (City of Hartford) – The Registrars of Voters Office – Elections Department

POLLING PLACES LIST - TOWN OF HARTFORD

Voting District:.....Name of Polling Place:.....Address:

1 (1st Assembly)Liberty Christian Center23 Vine Street
2 (1st Assembly)Liberty Christian Center23 Vine Street
3 (1st Assembly)Grace Lutheran Church46 Woodland Street
4 (1st Assembly)Hartford Seminary77 Sherman Street
5 (1st Assembly)United Methodist Church571 Farmington Avenue
6 (7th Assembly)Northend Senior Center80 Coventry Street
7 (7th Assembly)Rawson School260 Holcomb Street
8 (7th Assembly)Annie Fisher School280 Plainfield Street
9 (7th Assembly)YWCA135 Broad Street
10 (7th Assembly)House of Restoration Church1665 Main Street
11 (3rd Assembly)United Way of Central Northern CT30 Laurel Street
12 (3rd Assembly)Burns School- Gym195 Putnam Street
13(3rd Assembly)Parkville Community School1755 Park Street

14 (3rd Assembly)Environmental Science School440 Broadview Terrace

15 (6th Assembly)Batchelder School – Gym757 New Britain Avenue

16 (6th Assembly)Kennelly School - Gym (Monroe St Entrance) 180 White Street

17 (6th Assembly)South End Senior Wellness Center830 Maple Avenue

18 (6th Assembly)Metzner Center (Columbus Park)640 Franklin Ave

19 (4th Assembly)Bulkeley High School300 Wethersfield Ave

20 (4th Assembly)The Learning Corridor43 Vernon Street

21 (4th Assembly)Dutch Point Community Room15 Patsy Williams Way

22 (4th Assembly)Hartford Public Library500 Main Street

23 (5th Assembly)Mary Shephard Place (community Rm) 15 Pavilion Street

24 (5th Assembly)Parker Memorial Comm. Ctr.2621 Main Street

Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location 550 Main Street, (Town Hall) Hartford CT***

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 12th day of October, 2020

News Briefs

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John Larson (D), and Tom McCormick (I). You can view it on YouTube via this link: https://youtu.be/-2URI_gUTsU. If you would like to join as a member of the audience via Zoom webinar use this link to register, watch and submit a question through the Q&A option: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MU00FlnhRYqA1b_YAjqW0A. After registering, the registrant will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar/debate. You can also watch the debate on a website at

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Jan Carlos Soriano Perez
(20-00831)**

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Carmen Y. Zayas
Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Ana Perez
40 Woodland Drive
Hartford, CT 06105

www.whctv.org. The debate will be recorded and replayed and available through November 3 for on demand viewing via YouTube.

**Domestic Violence
Awareness Walk
October 22**

The Park Branch of Hartford Public Library, in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council, will host a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Thursday, October 22. The walk will start at 11 am at the Hispanic Health Council, 175 Main Street, and end at approximately 12 pm at the ArtBox, 769 Park Street.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Nereida Colan
(19-00821)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated October 1, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Kathleen J Kowalyshyn
Kathleen J. Kowalyshyn, LLC
81 Wethersfield Avenue, Fl 3,
Hartford, CT 06114

**Get Out and Vote
Jamboree Oct. 24**

On Saturday, October 24, Hartford Health Initiative, Inc. and several other community organizations will host a "Get Out and Vote Jamboree" from 12 - 3 pm in Keney Park (Woodland Street entrance). The event will also feature music, games, dance performances, free ice cream for the kids and COVID-19 testing.

CCC History Lecture

Capital Community College (CCC), 950 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, will host a

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
James Henry Milam,
AKA James H. Milam
(20-00802)**

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Carmen Y. Zayas
Clerk

The fiduciary is:
David Michael Poirot
C/O Kenneth P Namnoum,
Kenneth P Namnoum Jr,
887 Asylum Ave.,
Hartford, CT 06105

lecture on Wednesday, October 21, at 6 pm. Tracey Wilson will discuss "Women's Suffrage and More: Edna Purtell and Mary Townsend Seymour. There are very limited in-person spaces for the lecture. To reserve your space, please email Bill Hosley at wnhosley@snet.net or call 860-944-8349. Tours will also be available online.

**Free WiFi at Good
Shepherd Church**

The Church of the Good Shepherd is offering free outdoor

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Dener Melo,
AKA Dario Alves-Bregues
(20-00574)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated September 29, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Carmen Y. Zayas
Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Stella Kowalczyk and Mary
Kathleen Golec
c/o Scott Michael Schwartz,
Schwartz Law Office, Ste 220,
530 Silas Deane Highway,
Wethersfield, CT 06109

WiFi to students. WiFi is available on the south side of the church building next to the parking lot. The church address is 155 Wyllys Street in the Coltsville neighborhood of Hartford. Connection information is posted next to the parking lot. Signal strength is adequate to be used from a car parked in the lot. There are canopies on the church lawn that can be used for shelter in case of rain.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
Genevieve H Zak,
AKA Genevieve G Zak
(20-00574)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated September 30, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
David Michael Poirot
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Kenneth P Namnoum Jr,
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Aviso Legal

RFP PARA EL FONDO DE PRÉSTAMOS ROTATORIOS DE METROHARTFORD BROWNFIELDS

SERVICIOS PROFESIONALES AMBIENTALES CON LICENCIA (LEP)

El Consejo de Gobiernos de la Región del Capitolio (CRCOG) está solicitando propuestas de empresas calificadas y con experiencia para proporcionar servicios de consultoría de evaluación ambiental para el Programa MetroHartford Brownfields financiado por la EPA de EE. UU. Los detalles de la Solicitud de propuestas (RFP) estarán disponibles el 15 de octubre de 2020 en <http://crcog.org/rfpfq/>. Las preguntas deben dirigirse por escrito al personal apropiado del CRCOG como se indica en la RFP. El CRCOG debe recibir las propuestas a más tardar a las 2:00 p.m. el 18 de noviembre de 2020. Las respuestas recibidas después de esta fecha y hora no serán consideradas. CRCOG es un empleador de acción afirmativa que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades. Se anima a postularse para MBE / WBE / DBE.



Campos deportivos cerrarán en Hartford debido al incremento de casos de Covid 19 en la ciudad

La ciudad de Hartford anunció hoy jueves que todos los campos deportivos al aire libre estarán cerrados debido a un aumento en los casos confirmados de COVID-19 dentro de la ciudad.

La suspensión comenzará a partir del 13 de octubre. También se cancelarán las reservas para el uso de los campos en esa fecha o después. "Hemos visto un uso significativo de nuestros campos deportivos al aire libre y, desafortunadamente, también hemos visto muy poca adherencia a los protocolos del coronavirus, incluido el uso de máscaras y el distanciamiento social", dijo el alcalde Luke Bronin. "No es una decisión que tomemos a la ligera, pero para ayudar a tratar de limitar la propagación del virus en nuestra comunidad, suspendemos el uso de campos deportivos y cancelare-

mos las reservas después de este lunes. Sabemos lo frustrante y decepcionante que será esto para muchas ligas y organizaciones, pero nuestro Departamento de Salud siente que este es un paso necesario y apoyo su recomendación".

El uso de los campos por parte de las organizaciones para actividades deportivas después del 12 de octubre de 2020, no permitirá reservar los campos para la temporada de primavera. Los funcionarios de la ciudad dicen que esto es "para asegurar el cumplimiento de estas restricciones".

Esta suspensión no incluye deportes patrocinados por la escuela o juegos / eventos deportivos de Hartford, ya que esas actividades tienen restricciones de coronavirus que si se aplican. By Iris Rodriguez

Expectativas de las elecciones presidenciales en CT



CT espera más votos ausentes en las próximas elecciones que en años anteriores. La oficina de la Secretaría del Estado envió solicitudes para boletas de voto ausente a todos los votantes registrados en el estado.

En el día de las elecciones, Connecticut espera que más personas voten en ausencia que en

años anteriores. "Generalmente tenemos alrededor del cinco por ciento de personas que los solicitan. Ahora vamos a tener un número mucho mayor, creemos," dijo la Secretaria de Estado de CT, Denise Merrill. La oficina de la Secretaría del Estado envió solicitudes para boletas de voto ausente a todos los votantes registrados en el estado y

ahora los secretarios municipales están recibiendo esas solicitudes. Pero, ¿qué sucede después de recibir su boleta?

¿Cómo sé si mi boleta por correo fue aceptada y los votos fueron contados? ¿O si es rechazado?

Depende de usted asegurarse de seguir los procedimientos para las boletas de voto en ausencia para asegurarse de que su voto sea contado.

Comencemos con lo básico después de firmar la solicitud y enviarla a su ciudad. "El secretario municipal tachará su nombre de la lista como si hubiera solicitado una boleta de voto ausente. Luego le enviarán esa boleta de votación en ausencia, que tiene dos sobres diferentes cuando la envíe de regreso," dijo Merrill.

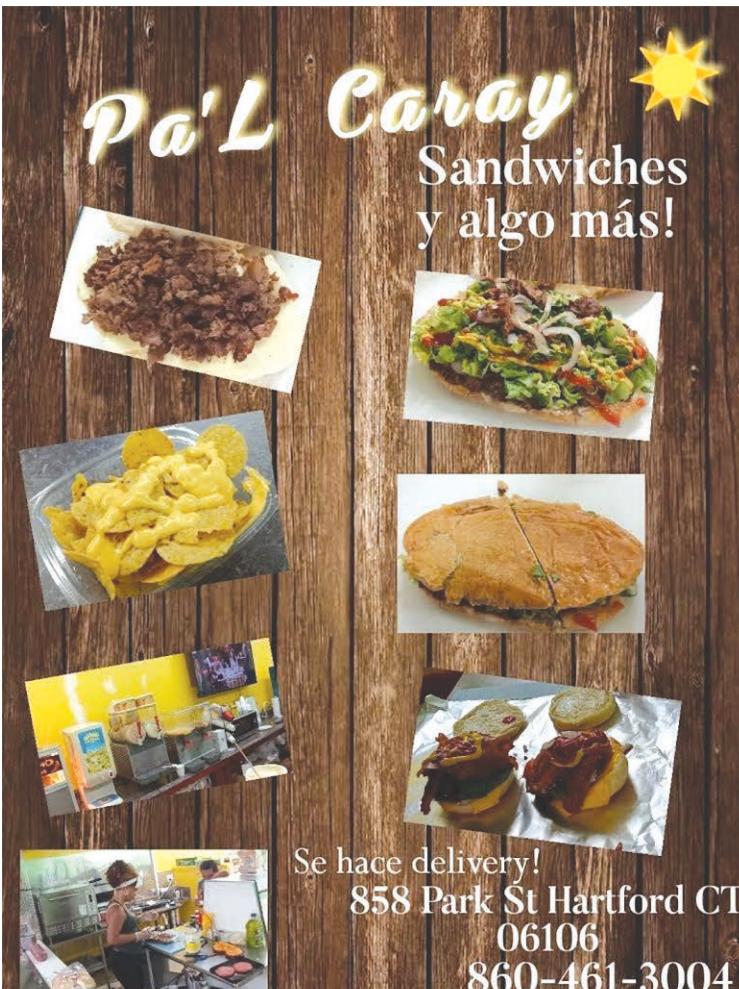
Según la ley de Connecticut, esas boletas comenzarán a enviarse el 2 de octubre.

"Usted llena la boleta, la dobla por la mitad, la pone en el sobre interior, que tiene un lugar para que la firme. De nuevo, tendrás que volver a firmar en ese sobre", dijo Merrill. "Pones tu boleta en ese sobre interior, lo firmas, lo sellas. No se contará si no está sellado o sin firmar." Esto es para asegurarse de que nadie altere su boleta.

"Luego toma ese sobre, le pega otro sobre, que sí tiene su nombre, y se lo envía al secretario municipal. Cuando lo reciben, ponen un pequeño AB junto a su nombre y eso va en nuestro sitio web. Puede realizar un seguimiento para ver cuándo se envía su boleta desde la ciudad," nos cuenta Merrill.

La herramienta a utilizar es myvote.ct.gov/lookup.

La oficina de la Secretaría del Estado dice que la ley actual no permite que los sobres, tanto externos como internos, se abran hasta el día de las elecciones. Eso podría cambiar si las legislaturas cambian las reglas durante la sesión especial. By Iris Rodriguez



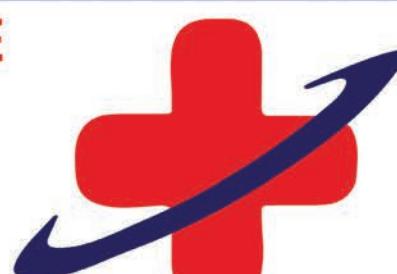
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